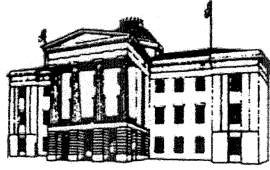


# State of North Carolina



BEVERLY EAVES PERDUE  
GOVERNOR

## EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 54

### ASSESSMENT OF STATE'S READINESS FOR AGING POPULATION

**WHEREAS**, North Carolina is undergoing a major demographic shift with the aging of its population; and

**WHEREAS**, North Carolina's 2.4 million "baby boomers" represent more than a quarter of our present population; and

**WHEREAS**, 30 of North Carolina's counties today have more persons age 60 and older than persons age 17 and younger, and many more counties are expected to face this circumstance by 2029; and

**WHEREAS**, the aging of North Carolina's workforce may result in skill and labor shortages; and

**WHEREAS**, it is vitally important that North Carolina be well prepared to meet the challenges and realize the opportunities of an aging population.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, by the power vested in me as Governor by the Constitution and laws of the State of North Carolina, **IT IS ORDERED**:

#### **Section 1. Purpose and Administration of Assessment**

Cabinet agencies will assess their readiness to serve our aging population and will develop strategies and proposals to strengthen their preparedness for and response to our aging population. The Division of Aging and Adult Services, Department of Health and Human Services and the Governor's Policy Office will work with the University of North Carolina Institute on Aging and the Governor's Advisory Council on Aging (hereinafter collectively referred to as the "Aging Assessment Team") to plan, prepare, administer and report on this assessment.

#### **Section 2. Scope of Assessment**

The assessment should include a review of the following:

- a. existing and proposed policies, programs and services specifically targeted toward older adults;
- b. other documents and initiatives that have examined the effect of an aging population on policies and programs;
- c. the participation of older adults, their families and caregivers in shaping relevant programs, policies or services;
- d. the participation of the private sector and local government in shaping relevant programs and policies; and
- e. other relevant items identified by the Aging Assessment Team.

**Section 3. Participation by Other State Agencies**

Other state agencies under the authority of The Board of Governors of the University of North Carolina System, the State Board of Community Colleges, the State Board of Education, and the Council of State that are requested to participate in the assessment are encouraged to do so.

**Section 4. Participation by Local Government Entities**

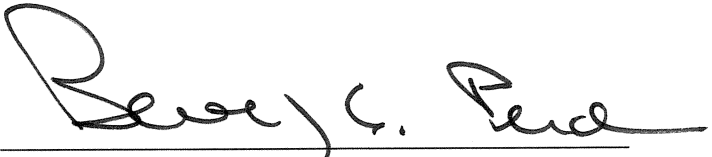
Upon completion of the statewide assessment, the Aging Assessment Team will work with local government entities to assess their readiness to serve the aging population. Local government entities that are requested to participate in the assessment are encouraged to do so.

**Section 5. Effect and Duration**


This Executive Order is effective immediately and shall remain in effect until December 31, 2012, unless earlier rescinded.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto signed my name and affixed the Great Seal of the State of North Carolina at the Capitol in the City of Raleigh, this thirtieth day of March in the year of our Lord two thousand and ten, and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and thirty-fourth.



  
Beverly Eaves Perdue  
Governor

ATTEST:

  
Elaine F. Marshall  
Secretary of State